

ABSTRACT

An implementation of a technology, described herein, for facilitating the discovery of the existence of infringements, reporting discoveries of such infringements, and the resolution of such infringements. This technology acts
5 as a clearinghouse for the reporting of patent infringements by the public and the presentation of such reports to interested parties, such as the patent holders. Infringement reporters are encouraged to report infringements because of the ease of reporting and incentives (e.g., monetary rewards) for doing so. In addition, the identity of the reporters is protected. This technology facilitates
10 the resolution of infringements by negotiating, mediating, arbitrating, etc. a deal between anonymous infringers and interested parties. The technology manages payment of settlement/licensing fees so that the identity of the anonymous infringers remains protected. This technology may be used with other forms of infringement of intellectual property rights, such as copyright,
15 trademark, and trade secret. Similarly, this technology may be used with other forms of violations. This abstract itself is not intended to limit the scope of this patent. The scope of the present invention is pointed out in the appending claims.